

**AMENDMENTS**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
  - receiving a signal from a vehicle-powered non-telephonic wireless transmitter fixedly attached to a vehicle, the signal comprising an encrypted unique identifier, the encrypted unique identifier not comprising a financial account number or a user-provided PIN, the signal transmitted responsive to a predetermined input from a user, the signal requesting approval of a proposed financial transaction, fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction not involving the transmitter;
  - transmitting the encrypted unique identifier to a central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the unique identifier is associated with a valid financial account, approve the proposed financial transaction, said central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the proposed financial transaction exceeds a predetermined amount, reject the proposed financial transaction;
    - receiving a rejection of the proposed financial transaction from the central processor or receiving an approval from the central processor to complete the proposed financial transaction, the proposed financial transaction involving the valid financial account associated with the unique identifier; and
    - causing information associated with the rejection or approval of the proposed financial transaction to be rendered to the user via a user interface.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a request for approval of the proposed financial transaction.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the acknowledgment of fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the acknowledgment of fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction to ~~the transmitter~~  
transceiver associated with the user.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising initiating the acknowledgment of fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction to the user.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined input comprises a predetermined number of headlight high beam switch activations within a predetermined time interval.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising requesting the PIN from the user.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the PIN from the user.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising polling for the signal.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the proposed financial transaction comprises provision of access to a physical location.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the proposed financial transaction comprises provision of a product.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the proposed financial transaction comprises provision of a service.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein encryption of the unique identifier utilizes a code hopping technique.

14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

an input processor adapted to receive a signal from a vehicle-powered non-telephonic wireless transmitter fixedly attached to a vehicle, the signal comprising an encrypted unique identifier, the encrypted unique identifier not comprising a financial account number or a user-provided PIN, the signal transmitted responsive to a predetermined input from a user, the signal requesting approval of a proposed financial transaction, fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction not involving the transmitter;

an output processor adapted to transmit the encrypted unique identifier to a central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the unique identifier is associated with a valid financial account, approve the proposed financial transaction, said central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the proposed financial transaction exceeds a predetermined amount, reject the proposed financial transaction; and

an approval/rejection processor adapted to receive a rejection of the proposed financial transaction from the central processor or an approval from the central processor to complete the proposed financial transaction and to cause information associated with the approval or approval of the proposed financial transaction to be rendered to the user via a user interface, the proposed financial transaction involving the valid financial account associated with the unique identifier.

15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

at a central processor, receiving information originating from a vehicle-powered non-telephonic wireless transmitter fixedly attached to a vehicle, the information comprising an encrypted unique identifier, the encrypted unique identifier not comprising a financial account number or a user-provided PIN, the information provided from the wireless transmitter responsive to a predetermined input from a user, the information requesting approval of a proposed financial transaction, fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction not involving the wireless transmitter;

responsive to an automatic determination that the proposed financial transaction

exceeds a predetermined amount, automatically transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction; and

responsive to an automatic determination that the unique identifier is associated with a valid financial account, automatically transmitting an approval to complete the proposed financial transaction; ;

wherein information associated with the rejection or approval of the proposed financial transaction adapted to be rendered to the user via a user interface, the proposed financial transaction involving the valid financial account associated with the unique identifier.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising obtaining the approval of the proposed financial transaction.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising storing the approval of the proposed financial transaction.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising approving the proposed financial transaction.
19. (Previously Presented method of claim 15, further comprising obtaining a rejection of the financial proposed transaction.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction.
21. (Cancelled) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to the proposed financial transaction exceeding a predetermined amount.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to a total amount associated with one or more a plurality of transactions exceeding a predetermined amount.
23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a wherein said rejection of the proposed financial transaction is transmitted responsive to the proposed financial transaction exceeding a predetermined amount for a predetermined counter-party.
24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a wherein said rejection of the proposed financial transaction is transmitted responsive to the proposed financial transaction exceeding a predetermined amount for a predetermined time interval for a predetermined counter-party.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to a counter-party to the proposed financial transaction being a predetermined restricted counter-party.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to a subject matter of the proposed financial transaction being a predetermined restricted subject matter.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to a time of the proposed financial transaction being a predetermined restricted time.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising transmitting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction responsive to a date of the proposed financial transaction being a predetermined restricted date.

29. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising decrypting the encrypted unique identifier.
30. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising causing a comparison of the unique identifier with a list of unique identifiers associated with valid financial accounts.
31. (Original) The method of claim 15, transmitting instructions requesting a transfer of funds associated with the valid financial account responsive to the approval.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising storing a rejection of the proposed financial transaction.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising reporting a rejection of the proposed financial transaction.
34. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
  - receiving a signal from a vehicle-powered non-telephonic wireless transmitter fixedly attached to a vehicle, the signal comprising an encrypted unique identifier, the encrypted unique identifier not comprising a financial account number or a user-provided PIN, the signal transmitted responsive to a predetermined input from a user, the signal requesting approval of a proposed financial transaction, fulfillment of the proposed financial transaction not involving the transmitter;
  - transmitting the encrypted unique identifier to a central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the unique identifier is associated with a valid financial account, approve the proposed financial transaction, said central processor adapted to, responsive to an automatic determination that the proposed financial transaction exceeds a predetermined amount, reject the proposed financial transaction;
  - receiving a rejection of the proposed financial transaction from the central processor or receiving an approval from the central processor to complete the proposed

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financial transaction, the proposed financial transaction involving the valid financial account associated with the unique identifier; and

causing information associated with the rejection or approval of the proposed financial transaction to be rendered to the user via a user interface located within the vehicle.